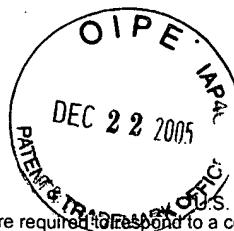


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| Application Number | 09/495,898 |
| Filing Date | February 2, 2000 |
| First Named Inventor | Rod Stambaugh |
| Group Art Unit | 3621 |
| Examiner Name | O'Sherr, Christina |
| Attorney Docket Number | 28589-015 (formerly 21958-015) |

This a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

- a. Previously submitted. If a final Office Action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office Action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on October 11, 2005.
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii.
 - iii. Other
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment and Remarks to Accompany Request for Continued Examination (RCE) [13 pgs.]
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other: Petition for Extension of Time [1 pg.]

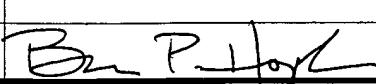
2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. Other _____.

3. Fees The RCE fee under C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that are assessable in this application, or to credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 28589-015, Customer No.: 35437.
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17).
- b. Check in the amount of \$395.00 is enclosed for RCE fee.
 Check in the amount of \$225.00 is enclosed for extension fee.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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| Name (Print/Type) | Brian P. Hopkins | Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) | 42,669 |
| Signature |  | Date | December 22, 2005 |

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